

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS for FEDERAL SERVICE VOTERS

- * If you are a Missourian in federal service (see definition below) and you are serving in one of the areas listed below, you are eligible to return your absentee ballot directly to your appropriate local election authority (county clerk or election board) by fax or e-mail transmission.*
- * If you are **not** serving in one of the areas listed below, you may only return your ballot by mail.
- * Whether received by mail or by fax or e-mail transmission, ballots must be received in the office of your local election authority by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day (August 5, 2008 or November 4, 2008). Regardless of the time left before Election Day, you must also mail your ballot in the absentee ballot envelope provided by the local election authority after you have completed the electronic transmission.
- * If more than one copy of your ballot is received from you prior to 7pm on Election Day – a faxed or e-mailed ballot, and a mailed ballot – only the mailed ballot will be counted.
- * Ballots must be faxed or e-mailed in their entirety, including all pages if the ballot is longer than one page or printed on both sides of one page.
- * If you have a legal sized or two-sided ballot and it is not feasible to electronically transmit that ballot, you may write the names of the candidates you wish to vote for on a separate sheet of paper and fax or e-mail that sheet rather than the actual ballot.
- * It is important to notify your election authority each time you change your mailing address.

**You also have the option of enlisting the aid of your Voting Assistance Officer for help in transmitting your ballot.*

Missouri state statutes define federal service voters as (115.275.6, RSMo):

- Members of the armed forces of the US, while in active service, and their spouses and dependents;
- Active members of the merchant marine of the US and their spouses and dependents;
- Civilian employees of the US government working outside the boundaries of the US and their spouses and dependents;
- Active members of religious or welfare organizations assisting servicemen and their spouses and dependents; and
- Persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces or who have terminated their service or employment in any group mentioned in this section within 60 days of an election and their spouses and dependents.

Combat Zone, Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger areas:

Adriatic Sea	Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Afghanistan	Coast)	Jordan	Serbia
Albania	Cuba (Guantanamo Bay facilities only)	Kenya	Somalia
Algeria	Bay facilities only)	Kuwait	Sudan
Angola	Djibouti	Kyrgyzstan	Syria
Arabian Peninsula	East Timor	Lebanon	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Liberia	Turkey
Bahrain	Eritrea	Malaysia	Uganda
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Ethiopia	Montenegro	United Arab Emirates
Burundi	Greece (Athens)	Oman	Uzbekistan
Colombia	Haiti	Pakistan	Yemen
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Indonesia	Philippines	Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of
	Iran	Qatar	
	Iraq	Rwanda	